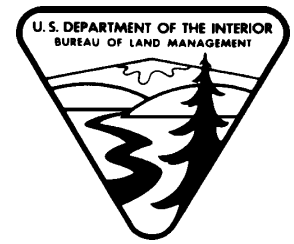


BIRDING THE OWYHEE UPLANDS NATIONAL BACK COUNTRY BYWAY



The Owyhee Uplands Back Country Byway follows 103 miles of gravel and paved roads through southwest Idaho. Along this route visitors will see a variety of wildlife habitats ranging from agricultural fields and desert shrub communities at lower elevations to juniper woodlands, mountain mahogany, and aspen stands at higher altitudes. The Uplands feature extensive vistas stretching to the Jarbidge Mountains in Nevada and the Steens Mountains in Oregon, as well as the spectacular canyonlands of the Owyhee River's northern drainage.

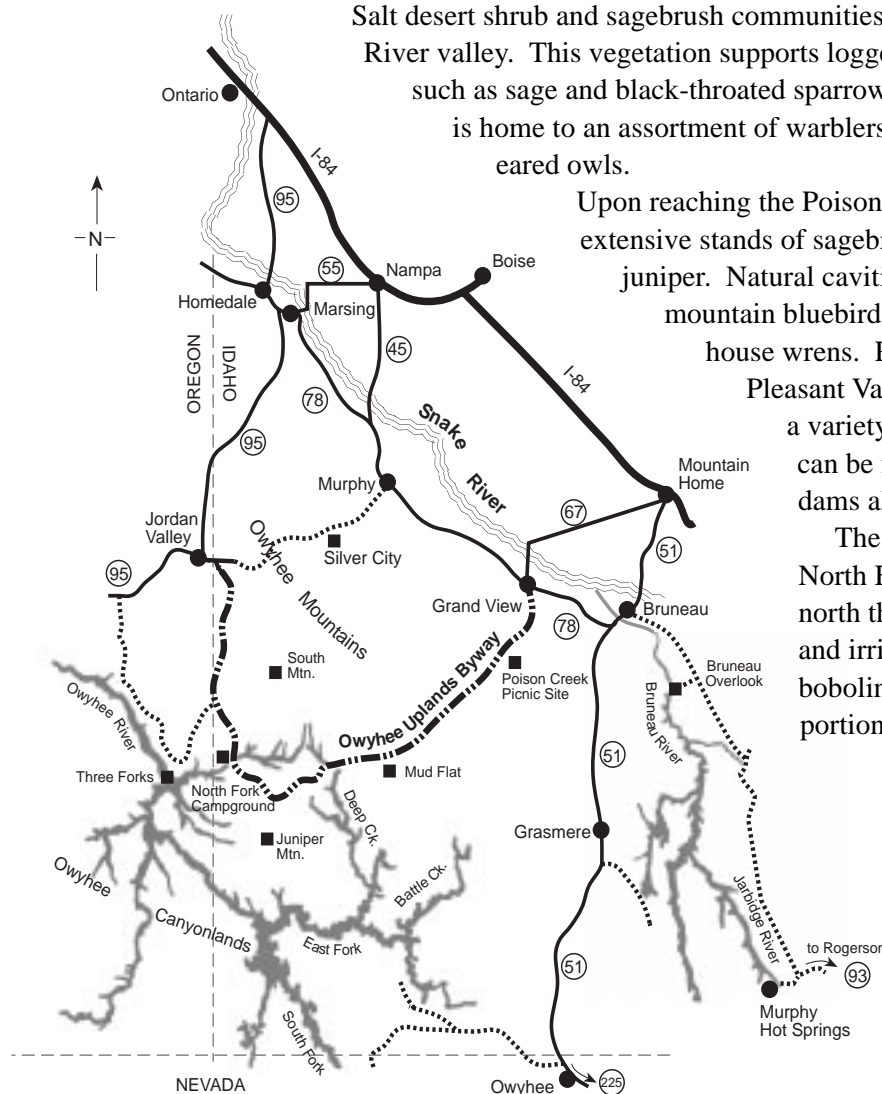
The many different habitats along the Byway support a diversity of wildlife, including over 180 species of birds. Mammals such as mule deer, antelope, elk, California bighorn sheep, badgers, and coyotes can be found, as well as a host of reptiles and amphibians.

As you travel the Byway from east to west you'll see agricultural fields south of Grand View. These fields provide food for several species of raptors nesting in the nearby Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. Look for golden eagles, northern harriers, Ferruginous hawks, red-tailed hawks, and short-eared owls.

Salt desert shrub and sagebrush communities border the agricultural fields of the Snake River valley. This vegetation supports loggerhead shrike and a variety of sparrows such as sage and black-throated sparrows. The riparian area along Poison Creek is home to an assortment of warblers, nesting sharp-shinned hawks and long-eared owls.

Upon reaching the Poison Creek summit, you'll travel through extensive stands of sagebrush, mountain mahogany and western juniper. Natural cavities and bird boxes provide nest sites for mountain bluebirds (Idaho's state bird), tree swallows and house wrens. Riparian areas along Deep, Stoneman, Pleasant Valley and Cottonwood Creeks are home to a variety of songbirds. Virginia rail, sora and teal can be found in marshy areas behind beaver dams along these creeks.

The Byway bisects the rugged canyon of the North Fork of the Owyhee River, then winds north through relatively open sagebrush plains and irrigated meadows. Sandhill crane and bobolink are among the birds found along this portion of the Byway.



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OWYHEE UPLANDS SPECIES CHECKLIST

Common Loon (S/We)	Killdeer (R*/WeAgRi)	Eastern Kingbird (S*/RiAg)	Western Tanager (S*/CoWoRi)
Pied-billed Grebe (S,W)	Black-necked Stilt (S,M/We)	Horned Lark (R*/SgAg)	Black headed Grosbeak (S*/RiCoWo)
Horned Grebe (R/We)	American Avocet (S/We)	Tree Swallow (S*/RiWeWo)	Lazuli Bunting (S*/RiSgWo)
Eared Grebe (S/We)	Greater Yellowlegs (M,W/We)	Violet-green Swallow (S*/WoCoRi)	Green-tailed Towhee (S*/SgWoRi)
Western Grebe (S/We)	Lesser Yellowlegs (M,W/We)	No. Rough-winged Swallow (S*/SgWeRiAg)	Rufous-sided Towhee (S*/RiWo)
American White Pelican (S/We)	Willet (S,M/We)	Bank Swallow (S*/RiSgWeAg)	Vesper Sparrow (S*/Sg)
Double-crested Cormorant (S,W/We)	Spotted Sandpiper (S,W/We)	Cliff Swallow (S*/RiSgWeAg)	Lark Sparrow (S*/SgWoAg)
Great Blue Heron (R/We)	Long-billed Curlew (S*/Sg)	Barn Swallow (S*/AgWeRi)	Chipping Sparrow (S*/CoWoRi)
Great Egret (S/We)	Marbled Godwit (M/We)	Gray Jay (R/Co)	Brewer's Sparrow (S*/Sg)
Snowy Egret (S/WeAg)	Western Sandpiper (M/We)	Steller's Jay (R/Co)	Black-throated Sparrow (S*/Sg)
White-faced Ibis (S/WeAg)	Least Sandpiper (M/We)	Black-billed Magpie (R/AgRiWoWe)	Sage Sparrow (S*/Sg)
Tundra Swan (M,W/We)	Dunlin (M/We)	American Crow (R/AgRiWo)	Savannah Sparrow (S*/SgRiAgWe)
Snow Goose (M/WeAg)	Long-billed Dowitcher (M/We)	Common Raven (R/SgAgWoCo)	Song Sparrow (R/RiAgWe)
Canada Goose (R/WeAg)	Common Snipe (R/We)	Black-capped Chickadee (R/RiWoCoAg)	Lincoln's Sparrow (S*/CoRiWe)
Wood Duck (R/WeRi)	Wilson's Phalarope (S/We)	Mountain Chickadee (R/RiWoCoAg)	White-crowned Sparrow (R*/SgWo)
Mallard (R/WeAg)	Red-necked Phalarope (S/We)	Bushtit (R/Ri)	Dark-eyed Junco (R*/CoWo)
Northern Pintail (R/WeAg)	Bonaparte's Gull (M/WeAg)	Red-breasted Nuthatch (R/RiWoCo)	Snow Bunting (M/SgAg)
Blue-winged Teal (M/We)	Ring-billed Gull (S,W/WeAg)	Brown Creeper (R*/RiCo)	Bobolink (S*/SgAgWe)
Cinnamon Teal (S/We)	California Gull (S,W/WeAg)	House Wren (S,W*/RiWoCo)	Red-winged Blackbird (R*/WeRiAg)
Northern Shoveler (S,W/We)	Caspian Tern (S/We)	Rock Wren (S,W*/Sg)	Western Meadowlark (S*/SgAg)
Gadwall (R/We)	Forster's Tern (S,W/We)	Canyon Wren (S,W/Sg)	Yellow-headed Blackbird (S*/RiWeAg)
American Wigeon (R/WeAg)	Black Tern (S/We)	Marsh Wren (R/WeRi)	Brewer's Blackbird (S*/AgRiSgWo)
Canvasback (R,W/We)	Rock Dove (R/Ag)	American Dipper (R/We)	Brown-headed Cowbird (B*/CoWoSg)
Redhead (R/We)	Mourning Dove (S,W*/AgSgWo)	Ruby-crowned Kinglet (R*/Co)	Northern Oriole (S*/RiWoSgAg)
Ring-necked Duck (R/We)	Yellow-billed Cuckoo (S*/Ri)	Mountain bluebird (S,W*/SgWoCo)	Rosy Finch (R/Sg)
Lesser Scaup (R/We)	Barn Owl (R,M,W/AgSgRi)	Townsend's solitaire (R*/CoWo)	Cassin's Finch (R*/CoWo)
Common Goldeneye (W,R/We)	Western Screech Owl (R/CoRi)	Veery (S*/Ri)	House Finch (R/SgRiAg)
Burrow's Goldeneye (R,W/We)	Great-horned owl (R/CoSgAgRiWoWe)	Hermit thrush (S,W*/CoWo)	Pine Siskin (R*/CoWo)
Bufflehead (R/We)	Burrowing Owl (S*/SgAg)	American robin (R*/CoWoRi)	American Goldfinch (R*/RiWo)
Hooded Merganser (R/We)	Long-eared Owl (R*/RiWoCo)	Sage Thrasher (S,M*/Sg)	
Common Merganser (R/We)	Short-eared Owl (R*/Sg)	American Pipit (S,M,W/AgSgWe)	Legend: (season/habitat)
Ruddy Duck (R/We)	Northern Saw-whet Owl (R)	Bohemian Waxwing (WRiCo)	Season: R =resident, M =migrant, W =winter, S =summer, * =neotropical migrant
Turkey Vulture (S*/SgCoWoAg)	Common Nighthawk (S*/Sg)	Cedar Waxwing (R*/WoRiCo)	Habitat Association:
Osprey (S*/WeRiCo)	Common Poorwill (S*/SgWo)	Northern Shrike (W/RiSgAg)	Co =coniferous and mixed coniferous,deciduous;
Northern Harrier (R*/WeRiSgWo)	Vaux's Swift (S,W*)	Loggerhead Shrike (S*/SgWo)	Wo =Woodland, aspen, mountain mahogany, juniper, mountain shrubs such as chokecherry and ninebark;
Sharp-shinned Hawk (R*/CoWoRi)	White throated Swift (S*/SgWeRi)	European Starling (R/AgCoWoRi)	Ri =Riparian; Sg =sagebrush, grassland; We = open water wetlands and marshlands; Ag =Agriculture
Cooper's hawk (R*/RiWoCo)	Black-chinned Hummingbird (S*/RiWo)	Solitary Vireo (S*/CoWoRi)	NOTES
Northern Goshawk (R*/CoWoRi)	Calliope Hummingbird (S*/RCW)	Warbling Vireo (S*/WoRiCo)	
Swainson's Hawk (S*/RiSgAg)	Broad-tailed Hummingbird (S*/WoRi)	Red-eyed Vireo (S*/CoWoRi)	
Red-tailed hawk (R*/RiSg,CoWo)	Rufous Hummingbird (S*/Co)	Orange-crowned Warbler (S,W*/WoRi)	
Ferruginous Hawk (S*/SgWo)	Belted Kingfisher (R*/RiWe)	Nashville Warbler (S*/WoCo)	
Rough-legged Hawk (W/SgCoAgRi)	Red-naped Sapsucker (S,W*/WoRiCo)	Yellow Warbler (S*/RiWoCo)	
Golden Eagle (R/SgCoAg)	Williamson's Sapsucker (S*/Co)	Yellow-rumped Warbler (S,W*/CoRi)	
American Kestrel (R*/SgRiAg)	Downy Woodpecker (R/RiCoWo)	Black-throated Gray Warbler (S*/Wo)	
Prairie Falcon (R*/SgWo)	Hairy Woodpecker (R/RiCoWo)	Common Yellowthroat (S*/RiWe)	
Chukar (R/Sg)	Northern Flicker (R/RiWoSgCo)	Yellow-breasted Chat (S*/Ri)	
Ring-necked Pheasant (R/AgSgRi)	Olive-sided Flycatcher (S*/C)		
Sage Grouse (R/SgRi)	Western Wood-pewee (S*/RiCoWo)		
California Quail (R/RiAgSgWo)	Willow Flycatcher (S*/Ri)		
Virginia Rail (S,W/We)	Dusky Flycatcher (S*/RiWoCo)		
Sora (S,W/We)	Gray Flycatcher (S*/WoSg)		
American Coot (R/We)	Cordilleran Flycatcher (S*/CoWo)		
Sandhill Crane (S/WeAg)	Say's Phoebe (S,W*/SgAg)		
	Ash-throated Flycatcher (S*/SgWoRi)		
	Western Kingbird (S*/SgAgRi)		